

Pledges Continued Support on Women's Issues

Burlington County – As families make last minute preparations for Mother's Day, Congressman John Adler highlighted his agenda on behalf of women and their families living in Burlington, Camden and Ocean counties. This week the House passed The Mother's Day Centennial Commemorative Coin Act to honor mothers on the 100th anniversary of the Mother's Day holiday. During the 111th Congress, Adler also introduced The Gold Star Mothers National Monument Act to establish a monument honoring the mothers of fallen soldiers and sponsored legislation such as The Lilly Ledbetter Pay Fairness Act, Paycheck Fairness Act and The EARLY Act to promote the rights of women in the workplace and their health.

"It is my privilege to wish the mothers of South Jersey and the shore area a very Happy Mother's Day," said Congressman John Adler. "I am working in Congress to honor all the mothers that do so much for our local families and communities. Promoting women's health and their rights in the workplace should always be a priority in Congress."

Below are some of the pieces of legislation Congressman Adler introduced or sponsored to honor and promote the rights and sacrifices of mothers and women alike:

Bills Introduced:

- The Gold Star Mothers National Monument Act establishes a national monument to the mothers that lost a child in service to our country. (Awaiting passage by the House)

Bills Sponsored:

- The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act restores the rights of women and other workers to challenge unfair pay and helps close the wage gap in which women earn 78 cents for every dollar a man earns. (Signed into law, January 29, 2009)
- The Paycheck Fairness Act prohibits against sex discrimination in the payment of wage. (Passed by the House)

- The Mother's Day Centennial Commemorative Coin Act require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint and issue commemorative silver dollars to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Mother's Day. (Passed by the House)
- The Breast Cancer Education and Awareness Requires Learning Young Act (EARLY) directs the Centers for Disease Control to develop and implement a national education campaign to increase awareness of the threats posed by breast cancer in young women of all ethnic and cultural backgrounds, and the particular heightened risks faced by certain groups. (Awaiting passage in the House)
- A resolution honoring the 20th anniversary of the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in the Nation's Capital and its transition to the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure on June 6, 2009, and for other purposes. (Passed the House and Senate)